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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SELECTING CLOSING INFORMATION AND STATIONERY FOR AN ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE BASED ON THE INTENDED RECIPIENT

An apparatus and method for selecting closing 10 information and stationery for an electronic mail message based on the intended recipient are provided. The apparatus and method allow a user to define closing information and/or stationery for individual recipients, groups of recipients, domain name categories, and the like. In this way, when the 15 user composes a new electronic mail message and enters the electronic mail address of the recipient, the electronic mail program of the present invention automatically determines which closing information and stationery to use with the new electronic mail message. If the user has not 20 designated the closing information and/or stationery for a particular recipient, a default closing information and/or stationery may be used instead. Likewise, if there are a plurality of recipients having different closing information and/or stationery settings, a default closing information 25 and/or stationery setting may be used. Alternatively, if there are a plurality of recipients, each recipient may receive a different version of the electronic mail message having the same composed content but different closing information and/or stationery.